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GENERAL MILES ON ROADS

It is announced that Gen. Nelson A. Miles, just retired from active service in the army, is about to embark in the movement for a systematic building of good roads.

One difficulty in the way of extensive road building of a permanent and substantial character in the United States has been the prosperous condition of its people and the high rate of wages labor receives.

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Perhaps General Miles is just the man to head a movement which will ultimately bring good roads in a practical, scientific manner.

SHRINKAGE IN SECURITIES

Henry Clews is out with a statement declaring the recent decline in stocks was intensified by artificial means.

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The worst as to the money market seems to have been anticipated. Crop demands are close at hand, yet bankers show no anxiety about meeting them.

Canada's foreign trade more than doubled the past seven years. The increase was about 103 per cent.

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The factional fight of Johnson and Zimmerman in the Democratic party of Ohio knocks into pie the reasoning which the poet Milton put into the mouth of one of his characters.

Colonel Hofer on the Capital Journal is laying himself liable to contempt of court.

In the appointment of General Luke Wright to the position of governor-general of the Philippines, notwithstanding his life-long democracy, President Roosevelt has again demonstrated the ability to rise above partisanship and select the man he considers best qualified for the place.

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Eugene is the first Oregon town to discover that a close relative of Lou Dillon is driven on its streets daily.

THE FREE TRADE POSITION

"Is Great Britain wedded to free trade?" asks the Victoria Colonist. "We should say that if we consider the length of time free trade has been the accepted dogma in Great Britain, its position is decidedly weak, or it could not have been shaken as it has been by the tour de force of Mr. Chamberlain."

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The editor of the Everett Record will use the masculine pronoun in referring to Lou Dillon. He thinks perhaps a female could not be so fast.

The New Jersey minister who has consented to allow the pretty women of his congregation to kiss men for the purpose of raising money for church purposes should first sample the goods to see if they are worthy of so sacred a cause.

An exchange speaks of the game of "gossip" which is having quite a run in some localities in the east. It is played with photographs. They are shuffled and dealt out like cards.

An observing individual says a man can today wear paper shoes and clothes eat from paper dishes with paper knives and forks at a paper table, sit on paper chairs, read the news in a paper, sleep on a paper bedstead, in a room carpeted with paper, the goods to paper tub or bowl, live in a paper house, ride in a paper car or carriage, sail in a paper boat, be rocked in a paper cradle, be fed with a paper spoon, take pop or toddy out of a paper bottle and be buried in a paper coffin.

A genius has been figuring out how many ancestors a man has. First, he takes your father and mother—that makes two human beings. Each of these must also have a father and mother—that makes four more human beings. Each of these must have had a mother and father—and that makes eight more human beings.

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